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## PERSIA.

*Report from Teheran—Cholera epidemic at Koom.*

Vice-Consul-General Tyler reports, June 25, as follows:

Since the date of my last dispatch, June 18, reporting the outbreak of cholera at the city of Koom, about 90 miles south of Teheran, it appears from telegrams received that the epidemic has not only increased to 130 cases a day, of which about 25 per cent are fatal, but that the type has assumed a more malignant form.

The disease, I am told, has within the last few days spread considerably in the town of Hamadan, where we have several missionaries located.

A quarantine of seven days has been established about 30 miles from Teheran, but it is doubtful whether this will be a sufficient protection for the city. The weather has, rather suddenly, become very hot, and I have no doubt, from former experience, that if the disease should appear it would commit great ravages.

At the time of the last outbreak, 1892, for some days in succession, nearly 1 per cent of the population died during each twenty-four hours.

Koom derives its importance and its insanitary condition from being the locality of a famous shrine, visited by great numbers of the Sheite pilgrims every year, who come to offer their devotions at the tomb of the saint. Its golden domes and minarets stand out in strange contrast to the squalor and decay that surround them.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Quarantinable diseases.*

Assistant Surgeon Long reports, through Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser, May 28, as follows:

During the week ended May 14, 1904, the quarantinable diseases reported in Manila were as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox .....	6	2
Plague .....	1	1

*Transactions of service.*

The following-named vessels cleared for United States ports:

May 8, 1904, U. S. Army transport *Dix*, bound for Seattle via Nagasaki; crew, 116; all on board inspected and passed prior to sailing; cargo inspected and manifests signed.

May 12, 1904, U. S. Army transport *Buford*, for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu; crew, 145; cabin passengers, 58; steerage passengers, 6; steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected prior to embarkation; effects of cabin passengers inspected and passed; all on board inspected and passed prior to sailing; cargo inspected and manifests signed.

May 13, 1904, schooner *John Palmer*, bound for Port Townsend; fumigated thoroughly with sulphur throughout; entire personnel